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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/25/04 and amendment filed on 9/01/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7 and 25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-24 and 26-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18, 20, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moilanen (US Patent no. 5,561,439) in view of Buckles (US Patent no. 6,486,849).

1. Regarding claims 1, 13 and 29, Buckles, figure 3, teaches of an antenna comprising more than two radiative antenna elements (52C) each having a first end and a second end, and wherein said second ends of said radiative antenna elements are electrically connected at an apex point (5) and are each disposed outwardly away from said apex point at an acute angle relative to and on a first side of an imaginary plane intersecting said apex point. Buckles does not teach an electrically conductive, non-planar ground reference but is disclosed by Moilanen as referenced by (2) in figure 3 of the prior art. It would have been obvious by one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to manufacture the antenna taught in Buckles with the non-planar ground and mounting mechanism taught in Moilanen for easy installation.
2. Regarding claim 12, Buckles, figure 3, discloses an antenna wherein said acute angle between each of said radiative antenna elements and said imaginary plane is between a degree and 89 degrees; and wherein said radiative antenna elements are equally spaced in angle circumferentially around 360 degrees.

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3. Regarding claims 8 and 18, ground disclosed in Moilanen is coned shaped having a side length that is about $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength (col1, lines 48-50).

4. Regarding claims 11 and 26, Moilanen further discloses a mounting mechanism (col. 1, lines 48-50).

5. Claims 2, 4, 6, 14, 16, 21, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moilanen in view of Buckles as applied to claims 1 and 13 above, and further in view of Pla (US Patent no. 6,300,912).

Regarding claims 2 and 14, Moilanen and Buckles does not disclose a dielectric material serving to mechanically connect the radiative antenna elements to the ground while electrically insulating the radiative antenna elements from the ground. Figure 1 of Pla teaches of a dielectric block (20). It would have been obvious by one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to use the dielectric block disclosed in Pla with the antenna disclosed in Moilanen and Buckles so as to support and insulate the antenna elements.

6. Regarding claims 3, 4, 15, and 16, while Moilanen discloses a connection means, Moilanen and Buckles do not disclose connection to a transmission line for interfacing radiative antenna elements to a radio frequency transmitter and/or receiver. Pla discloses connection to an electronic device (col. 4, line 30-33). It would have been obvious by one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, for connection means disclosed in moilanene to connect to an electronic device as disclosed by Pla for convenience and simple installation.

7. Regarding claims 6, 21, 23 and 24, while Moilanen and Buckles disclose radiative antenna elements that are substantially linear, Moilanen and Buckles do not disclose of elements having a predetermined physical length. Pla discloses of radiative antenna elements that are substantially linear and have a predetermined physical length (col. 2, lines 53-56). It

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would have been obvious by one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, for antenna disclosed in Moilanen and Buckles for elements to have a predetermined physical length as disclosed by Pla for easy tuning.

8. Regarding claims 10 and 20, Moilanen and Buckles do not disclose an outer conductor of a coaxial cable. Pla discloses a coaxial cable having an outer conductor (col. 1, line 35). It would have been obvious by one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to use the coaxial cable disclosed in Pla with the antenna disclosed in Moilanen and Buckles for a compact and simple to install antenna.

9. Regarding claim 27, Buckles, figure 3, discloses an antenna wherein said acute angle between each of said radiative antenna elements and said imaginary plane is between a degree and 89 degrees; and wherein said radiative antenna elements are equally spaced in angle circumferentially around 360 degrees.

10. Claims 5, 17 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moilanen in view of Buckles as applied to claims 1 and 13 above, and further in view of Press (US Patent no. 1,554,231).

Moilanen and Buckles do not disclose of radiative elements being wound coils. Figures 6 and 7 of Press disclose coil antennas. It would have been obvious by one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to construct the antenna disclosed in Moilanen and Buckles with the wound coils of Press for a more compact antenna.

11. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moilanen in view of Buckles as applied to claims 1 and 13 above, and further in view of Kleinschmidt (US Patent no. 6,714,170).

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Moilanen and Buckles do not disclose a motor connected to the antenna. Kleinschmidt discloses of connecting a motor to the antenna according to claim 13 (col. 3, lines 5-18). It would have been obvious by one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to provide the antenna disclosed in Moilanen and Buckles with the motor disclosed in Kleinschmidt for antenna rotation.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art neither discloses nor suggests the following limitations in the combination with the remaining elements as disclosed in claims 1 and 13:

Claims 9 and 19. limitation of the ground being cylindrical in shape.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marie Antoinette Cabucos whose telephone number is 571-272-8582. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on 571-272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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